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Disinfecting work at Havana.

HAVANA, CUBA, August 3, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report the disinfection of all effects of the battalion of the First Infantry, which departed on the transport *Rawlins* at midnight last night. Under arrangement with the military authorities all the heavy baggage was to be delivered a day or two prior to sailing, and the barge *Sanator* and shore disinfecting plant have been taxed to their utmost capacity. The disinfecting force were employed from sunrise to early midnight, and I greatly fear that 1 or 2 of the assistants will break down. * * *

Respectfully,

A. H. GLENNAN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,*Chief Quarantine Officer for the Island of Cuba.*The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*Disinfection of effects of the First Infantry.*

HAVANA, CUBA, August 6, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the transactions of this station for the week ended August 4, 1900:

There were 7 deaths from yellow fever during the week, 1 American and 6 among Spaniards.

The transport *Rawlins* left here at midnight of the 2d instant with 37 passengers, 9 officers, and 300 men of the First Infantry. The disinfection of their baggage, consisting of trunks, dry-goods boxes, chests, and household goods was the largest undertaking we have had this season. The bulk of their baggage, amounting to more than 1,000 pieces, had to be disinfected. A few crated pieces containing plain wood furniture and buggies and ordinance were passed after inspection. Both plants were taxed to their utmost. After hard work, lasting until midnight, everything was completed, and we were able to give the vessel clearance. On inspection of the vessel and crew on the afternoon before sailing, 2 sick men were taken off and sent to hospital. Neither of these cases was suspicious of yellow fever, but it was thought advisable to send them to hospital for treatment.

The Spanish brigantine *Prudente* from Rosario arrived off the Morro on July 31, 1900, and was boarded outside by Acting Asst. Surg. D. E. Dudley. She had been at Rosario three or four days alongside the wharf, taking in provisions. Her cargo of jerked beef was from La Paz. As I could not spare a medical officer to disinfect and quarantine her at Mariel, I ordered her to Tortugas, sending sufficient sulphur for the work.

On account of another outbreak of yellow fever (2 cases) at the Machina, the force at this station was ordered home on Saturday.

I inclose the weekly mortuary statistics and reports of inspection and disinfection for the week.

Respectfully,

A. H. GLENNAN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,*Chief Quarantine Officer for the Island of Cuba.*The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

August 17, 1900

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Mortuary report for the week ended August 1, 1900.

Dysentery.....	1	Malaria.....	4
Enteritis.....	7	Pneumonia.....	5
Yellow fever.....	7	Rachitis.....	5
Pernicious malarial fever.....	3	Tuberculosis.....	16
La grippe.....	1	Tetanus.....	3
Glanders.....	1	Deaths from all causes.....	107
Meningitis.....	9		

Report for the week ended August 4, 1900.

Passengers examined.....	311	Passengers vaccinated.....	19
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OUT-DOOR DEPARTMENT.

Vessels disinfected.....	6	Vessels inspected and cleared.....	16
Viveros disinfected.....	4	Vessels inspected and entered.....	12
Pieces of baggage disinfected for passengers... ..	2, 124	Immigrants inspected.....	286

Reports from Matanzas, Cardenas, and Isabela de Sagua.

MATANZAS, CUBA, August 15, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following sanitary report of the quarantine district under my command during the week ended July 28, 1900:

Matanzas.—Twenty-two deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 25.34 per 1,000. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 5; enteritis, 3; meningitis, 2; malaria, 2; senectude, 2; yellow fever, 1; typhoid fever, 1; other causes, 6. The following cases of infectious or contagious character were reported: Typhoid fever, 1; infectious fever, 1; yellow fever, 1; dysentery, 2.

Three vessels arrived during the week and were passed without inspection. One bill of health was issued to a foreign vessel. Thirty health certificates were issued to persons leaving the island; of these 17 via Havana. One hundred and eighty pieces of baggage were inspected and passed and 28 pieces were disinfected.

Cardenas.—Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports that 17 deaths occurred in Cardenas during the week. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 5; enteritis, 2; cerebral congestion, 2; meningitis, 1; Bright's disease, 1; atresia, 1; other causes, 5. The death rate during the week was 35.71. No cases of infectious or contagious character were reported. Eleven vessels arrived during the week; 4 of these were foreign vessels and 7 coasting vessels. Five bills of health were issued to foreign vessels.

Isabela de Sagua.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro Garcia Riera reports that the death rate during the week in Sagua was 23.47 per 1,000. Three foreign vessels arrived and were inspected and passed. Four bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 8 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels.

Caibarien.—No report has been received for the week.

NOTE.—The death from yellow fever reported above as occurring in Matanzas is the same reported by wire under date of July 25 last; the infection being clearly traced to Santa Clara. No new cases have thus far developed.

Respectfully,

G. M. GUITÉRAS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.